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## POSTAL GETS PEACE OFFER FROM UNION

## First Steps Toward Settlement of Nation-Wide Telegraph Strike Taken at Chicago by Strikers' Leaders.

### BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Employees of the Southern Bell Telephone company in Atlanta were dismissed "for good and sufficient reasons," and the Postal Inspectors, who were in charge of the strike, were ordered to return to their duties. The company, however, has agreed to a settlement of the strike.

The conditions, in effect, provide that the strike would be called off as far as the Postal Inspectors are concerned if the company will agree to wage adjustments immediately after full control has been given to the company by the wire administration.

The conditions, which are understood to have been requested by the Postal Telegraph company, were forwarded to

age, according to reports here and in other cities, is to prevent the Postmaster-General Bureau and still in effect prohibits the completion of mail contracts with the Postmaster-General Bureau. For this reason, it was stated, the completion of mail contracts with the Postmaster-General Bureau would not be entered into, nor other concessions granted until the strike is completely ended.

With the announced determination of the Postmaster-General Bureau to strike completely, so far as commercial business is concerned, by next Monday, the Postmaster-General Bureau and cities today set to work urging telephone girls to join the strike. Many girls already are among the strikers. The Postmaster-General Bureau is also urging electrical workers which has called strikers for next Monday, that will affect mail delivery throughout the country.

It was estimated the number of workers idle today exceeded 27,000, and the Postmaster-General Bureau is giving support to the strikers will be given by the American Union dispatchers associated with the Postmaster-General Bureau by its president, J. G. Lorus.

At the opening of the third day of the strike, the Postmaster-General Bureau preferred to be encouraged, asserting that additional men had gone out during the day. It was stated that the Postmaster-General Bureau would join the ranks of the strikers during the day. On the other hand officials of the Postmaster-General Bureau telegraph companies claimed a number of men who left their keys on the first day of the strike had returned to work, but that only slight inconvenience had been caused by the walkout.

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next Monday that will affect 39,000 workers according to strike leaders. It is estimated that the number of workers left in the union exceeds 22,000 with the number swelling hourly. Morale is supported by the strikers who are given support by American train dispatchers association according to a statement to the president, J. G. Larson.

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equipment was found by the union men, who were told to return it to the company. The union men refused to do so, and the company threatened to sue them for damages. The union men then went to the court and won a judgment against the company. The company then appealed the judgment, but the court upheld the union men's position. The union men then went back to work, and the company paid them the damages they were owed.

**Only If Needed.**

S. J. Koneknaup, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, who is directing the strike from headquarters here, stated however, the broken men would be called out only if it became apparent that action was necessary to win the strike.

Despite claims of union officials that 15,000 telegraph operators were idle yesterday and that the town would be without telegraph service today, commercial telegraph business, particularly between the larger cities, is being handled on practically a normal basis, according to reports to the commercial companies here.

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This will affect practically all telegraph business which might be handled in local Memphis territory. It was stated that the Western Union wires are still open to all large cities and that with the decreased business caused by this new order, their force

The striking telegraph men were jubilant Friday morning, asserting that between 25 and 30 men have quit the Western Union force in Memphis and that 13 girls, employed as multiplex operators are also out.

Business of the Postal company practically has been at a standstill ever since last Tuesday.